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## All Plans Lead To Centennial Celebration August 14—18 In Raleigh

Executive Secretary And Assistant Moving Out On Statewide Tour



Dr. O. L. Sherrill (right), Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Reverend C. C. Craig (left), Assistant to the Executive Secretary, are shown above about to take leave to move into every area of our Convention. They will conduct workshops with the ministers and hold mass meetings. They hope to touch every county in the state. When they come to your area, have every Baptist present. The 100th Anniversary Year should be our Convention's greatest year.

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**FROM THE EDITOR**

We hope to give you a paper crammed each month with news of our Convention's work and activities. To have a good, live, interesting and challenging paper, news about the Convention's objectives will be printed. Associations and churches should send us their best news.

So that we may keep current news flowing to the Informer, we have recently requested Dr. C. R. Edwards, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville and First Vice President of the Convention; the Reverend O. L. Hairston, pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro and Chairman of the Convention's Administrative Committee; the Reverend H. L. Mitchell, pastor, New Hope and Mill Neck Baptist Churches, Gatesville; the Reverend S. A. Raper, pastor, Bethel "A" Baptist Church, Brevard, to serve as contributing editors. The Reverend Coleman W. Kerry, Jr., pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, will be the Promotional Director. More will be said of these strong pastors in the next issue.

We need everyone to help in making the Informer a great and meaningful influence for our Convention.

**HOUSING APPLICATION**  
**PLANNED BY CHURCH**

Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, will file application in a few days for authority to become a non-profit sponsor for an \$850,000 low-income housing development in Warnersville Redevelopment Project No. 1.

Rev. Otis L. Hairston, pastor of the church said Walter Smith, Executive Director of the Low Income Housing Development Corporation of the North Carolina Fund, returned to Greensboro recently to assist the church in preparing the sponsorship application to Federal Housing Administration.

Henry Frye, Greensboro attorney, is preparing the application for the church, which hopes to

build 95 units under a lenient government financing program, titled 221-d3. The program is aimed at encouraging private groups to develop low income housing.

Proposed site for the apartments is an eight-acre tract north of Smith Homes and east of Freeman Mill Road. The church proposes to establish in the development — play lots, day care center, recreation facilities for all age groups and classes for adults in family budgeting, home and child care.

The federal rent supplement program also will be sought for the project.

*Editor's Note:* Otis Hairston is a contributing editor of our paper. This article clearly reveals the kind of pastor he is.

**A REMINDER**  
**OF WHEN AND WHERE**

- May 9—One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro
- June 14-18—National Baptist Sunday School Congress of America, Cincinnati, Ohio
- June 19-25—National Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- June 19-25—Progressive National Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress, Baltimore, Maryland
- Aug. 14-18—THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM, RALEIGH
- Aug. 28-Sept. 1—Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, Winston-Salem
- Sept. 4-10—National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., Denver, Colorado
- Sept. 4-10—Progressive National Baptist Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio

THE PRESIDENTS' PAGE

# The Centennial Celebration

FROM: PRESIDENT HORNE

TO: THE SISTERHOOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Sister:



We must begin now to make a real Centennial Celebration for the Baptists of North Carolina by doing the following immediately—

1. Cooperate with our parent-body in the publication of its Centennial Journal by subscribing to a full page (\$100.00), one-half page (\$50.00), or one-fourth page (\$25.00). It may be a group or individual picture. Please send your materials (a glossy picture or cut) accompanied by your check to your president— c/o General Baptist State Convention, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601.

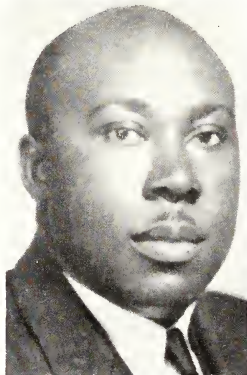
2. Plan to come to Raleigh, Sunday August 13 and remain the entire week. Lodging may be secured on Shaw University campus, hotels or motels.

3. We must begin registration and reports Monday morning. Our finance committee will be ready to receive all reports.

4. Please remember the "Youth March for Christ." We want 5,000 young people and young adults. Girls and young women wear white — boys and young men, their regular attire. All participants in this Grand March are asked to give \$1.00.

5. We need a 100 voice Convention Choir to sing in the Memorial Auditorium Wednesday morning. If you can sing — we need you Wednesday morning.

Onward For a Great Celebration!



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

August 14 through August 18, 1967, in the city of Raleigh, the Baptists of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will celebrate one hundred years of spiritual progress. We shall meet in Raleigh, not to glorify ourselves, but to glorify God; to glorify Him for what He has done for us during the past century, for what He is doing for us now, and for what we expect Him to do for us in the future. Therefore, let us accept no appointments that will conflict with our appointment with our fellow Baptists and our God, August 14-18, in the city of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Listen, Brothers and Sisters, with the help of God, let us strive to make this the greatest Centennial Celebration in our state, nation, and the world. This can surely be done if we will permit God to use us to His glory and honor.

On May 9, the Convention will hold its One Day Session at the First African Missionary Baptist Church, Goldsboro. It was here that the Convention was organized one hundred years ago. Surely, we are witnessing the most history making year of our Convention. Friends, this is a great year in which to live — it is the CENTENNIAL OF THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

If you recall, in my annual message at Fayetteville last year, I said, "God is working miracles through Dr. James Edward Cheek at Shaw University." I am happy to know that the General Bap-

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## GUEST SPEAKER HAS REMEDY FOR EASING RACE RELATIONS



A Special Forces officer who believes that education is the key to easing racial tensions, was the guest speaker at the Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Raeford, at 5:00 p.m., February 19.

Captain Blaine A. Revis, an instructor in the Psychological Operations Department, John F. Kennedy Center for Special Warfare, Ft. Bragg, discussed the topic, "Brotherhood in Race Relations."

"Race relations", says the captain, "takes into account all interaction between ethnic groupings and socio-religious beliefs. The key to easing current tensions lies basically in education of all groupings. There must be an understanding of not only ourselves, but others as well to relieve the situation."

An active Sunday School worker and former singer with his church choir, Revis has more than a casual interest in race relations. He recently completed a study in the subject at North Carolina State University Branch, Ft. Bragg.

When racial tensions were at their peak in 1965, Captain Revis was called upon to discuss the role of the minister participating in civil rights marches.

The mild-mannered captain said he had looked forward to this speaking opportunity with great anticipation because the Piney Grove pastor, Reverend Thomas D. Walker, "is a good friend" and was formerly assigned to his command.

Revis, who returned from Vietnam last year, strongly feels that racial prejudices are, in addition to being intellectually damaging to the individual with the prejudices, economically wasteful and socially unjust.

"If mutual understanding is practiced by all, then it follows that a more productive and homogeneous society will evolve", he asserted.

The 34-year-old captain is a former Special Forces Psychological Operations company commander and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Carolina. A native of Honolulu, Hawaii, he has also attended the Universities of Hawaii and Maryland.

### YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CHRIST ORGANIZED AT MILL NECK BAPTIST CHURCH

The young people of Mill Neck Baptist Church, Como, North Carolina have been organized under the leadership of Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, Mrs. Henrietta Barham, Mr. Calvin Everett and the pastor, Rev. H. L. Mitchell. In forming the organization, the young people, from early teens to twenty, chose the name, "Young People For Christ" and made plans for monthly programs which will include training and recreation during which time, they are seeking more knowledge of the Bible, a better understanding of the church and their place as young members, the meaning of social life and wholesome recreation. At present, there are thirty-four members in the organization.

Officers are: President, Rosa Everett; Vice-President, John Wiggins; Secretary, Betty Myrick; Assistant Secretary, Mary A. Everett; Treasurer, Matilda Banks; Parliamentarian, Ralphael Wiggins; Chaplain, John Wiggins; Assistant Chaplains, Samuel Banks and Raymond Murphy.

Besides what is done in the regular meeting, these young people have as their goal to increase Sunday School and Church attendance and to increase the participation of young people in church choirs, Junior Missionary work and other special church programs. They believe that by working together they can have a better influence for good in the school and other places of learning. Their leaders are greatly encouraged and feel that from the progress already made at Mill Neck every church can benefit by organizing "Young People For Christ."

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE—GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N. C., INC. JANUARY, 1967

Foreign Missions .....	\$ 244.92
Shaw University .....	412.31
The Central Orphanage .....	98.33

#### STATE MISSIONS:

Designated - Unified .....	1,434.39
Building Fund .....	68.00
Baptist Informer .....	20.00

#### OTHER RECEIPTS:

Woman's Convention (bldg. use) .....	341.82
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TOTAL: \$2,619.77

**CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED THE MONTH OF  
JANUARY, 1967  
THROUGH THE OFFICE OF WOMAN'S BAPTIST  
HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY  
CONVENTION OF N. C.**

**HOME MISSIONS:**

Undesignated .....	\$3,100.47
Building Funds .....	4.50
District Conferences .....	5.00
Self-Denial .....	56.09
Mass Meetings .....	27.15
Institutes .....	8.50
Ministers Wives Committee .....	10.00

**FOREIGN MISSIONS:**

Undesignated .....	405.58
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**DESIGNATED GIFTS:**

Shaw Committee .....	29.00
Shaw Expansion .....	372.00
Central Orphanage .....	200.00

**SALES - SERVICE:**

Guide-Handbooks .....	55.25
Helpers .....	903.05
Junior Leaders .....	11.00
Books and other Sales .....	1.75
Informers .....	6.00
Rent .....	51.70

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,247.04</b>
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**THIS YOU WANT TO REMEMBER**

Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Pastor of the Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, New York, and President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention will be the preacher for Religious Emphasis Week at Shaw University, March 6-9. Dr. Taylor will speak on Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the University Church.

The Reverend J. Z. Alexander, Shaw's College Minister would be pleased to have the ministers to hear this outstanding and profound preacher.

**TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION PLANS INSTITUTE**

The Tar River Baptist Association under the leadership of Moderator J. A. Avery, has set plans for its Annual Institute, March 13-17, to be held in the St. Stephen Baptist Church, Spring Hope.

The institute, under the direction of the Reverend A. L. Morgan plans to have a class for Deacons, taught by the Reverend Marvin L. Williams; Ushers, Dr. C. R. Edwards; Sunday School, Moderator Avery; Ministers, George W. Dudley; Youth, Mrs. Loletta Avery; Missionary Work, Mrs. A. B. Byrd. Sermons will be delivered by the Reverends John Copeland, S. P. Massenburg, L. Ed-

wards, L. Coppedge, J. A. Avery. The institute sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

The Mid-Year Session of the Tar River Association will be held on Wednesday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pleasure Hill Baptist Church, Reverend C. W. Harris, Pastor.

**YOUTH LEAD CHURCH  
IN YOUTH-WEEK ACTIVITIES**

Youth Week was observed in Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, during National Youth Week, January 29 through February 5.

Using the national theme, "Called to Be Human in a Broken World," with special emphasis on "The Teen-age Image," the youth led the church in discussions centered on moral standards, dating, prayer, recreation, and parent-youth relationship. The filmstrip, "Values For Teenagers: The Choice is Yours" stimulated the youth to participate in spontaneous discussion periods. Socio-guidramas, "Too Young To Date", "Do's and Don'ts on Dates", and "Shall We Go Steady", presented problems which confront many young people and parents.

The youth conducted the regular worship service Sunday, February 5. A symposium was presented and climaxed with a sermon by the pastor, Reverend George W. Dudley, who spoke on the theme.

Dianne Andrews and Leonard Lee were crowned Prince and Princess Mount Zion during the closing service at which time, Patricia Oxendine, General Youth Day Chairman, returned the "Key to the Church" to the pastor.

**RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY  
GAINING REAL MEANING**

The Reverend Charles W. Ward, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, preached in the pulpit of the Pullen Memorial Baptist Church on Sunday, February 12, during the morning worship service. On the same day at the same hour, the Reverend W. W. Finlator, Pastor of Pullen Memorial delivered the sermon at First Church.

On this Race Relations Sunday, Dr. A. Jackson Ryans, Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte and Chairman of our Convention's Executive Committee preached in the Hickory Grove Baptist Church (Southern Baptist), where the Reverend D. J. Abernathy is pastor. Following is an outline of the sermon Pastor Ryans delivered.

Our hats are off to these men. They seem to be carrying out the spirit of Race Relations Sunday. Next year, maybe more of us will move out on such a necessary adventure.

**OUTLINE OF SERMON  
DELIVERED BY DR. A. J. RYANS  
TO CHARLOTTE CHURCH  
ON RACE RELATIONS DAY**

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him. He gave authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in, adhere to, trust in and rely on His name. John 1:12 Amplified

For all who are led by the spirit of God are the sons of God. Romans 8:14

For (even the whole) creation, all nature waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known — waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship. Verse 19

The passages are expressive of a Father-son relationship. As such, and since this relationship is progressive, they may well serve as a prelude to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. This idea has its roots in the creation of man in the image of God. The total redemptive plan is the summation of a Father-Son relationship. To that end, Jesus came into the world, and by His death and resurrection, He broke down every barrier which separates God and man, and man and man. This same idea is stated in Paul's letter to the Ephesian church. There is one body, one spirit, even as we are called in one hope — one Lord, one faith and one baptism. One God and Father of us all, who is above all, and through all and in all of mankind. By the right of creation and by the grace of redemption, we are all the sons of God. If we are all the sons of God, we are all Brothers in God and in Christ.

The solution to the problems of our world this day rests in Human Brotherhood and Divine sonship.

Our first passage tells us that those who receive and welcome the Son of God, rely upon and trust His name, have the right and the privilege to become the sons of God. The second passage identifies the sons of God as spirit led men. The third passage tells us that the whole of creation waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known — waits for the revealing, the showing of their sonship.

Let us consider the sons of God in the following light . . .

**A. The material world—**

1. The material world has not value to itself and for itself. Man must give purpose and make it meaningful.
2. The material world (things) are not ends in themselves, but are means toward an end in God's great purpose.
3. Economic existence is not the whole of life. Man does not live by bread alone.

**B. Human personality—**

1. Humanity has been classified by every adjective in the English language, and has

been used as an excuse to justify our concepts and prejudices. Such classifications have been used to circumvent justice and duties.

**2. Everybody is somebody in the sight of God.**

Human appreciation is a great privilege; human consideration is a sacred obligation; human understanding is an opportunity of a lifetime. Human kindness is a service that every human being owes to every other human being.

**C. The world is waiting for the sons of God to set in order human relationships—**

1. The basis of all human relationships are both primary and secondary. Love for God first and then love for man (fellowman). These two both compliment and supplement each other — they go together. In God's redemptive scheme (miracle), there is no East nor West, no North nor South. No white, no black, just people.

2. Economic security, political prestige, cultural and social achievements are useless unless they lead to a Father-Son relationship. We are armed to the teeth, and getting deeper in a world war every day. Peace will only come when spirit filled, spirit led men meet with peace in their hearts.

3. There is no value in anything which excludes humanity. God is no respecter of persons. "If any man", "Whosoever will", "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," these invitations have no meaning in any classification or description, they are extended to human beings. God alone has the prerogative to draw the line between people. He has set up that line between good and bad people. He, God, broke up heaven to make good men out of all people. This is the task for the sons of God.

**D. The world is waiting for the church to manifest itself as the aggregate of the sons of God.**

1. The church is supposed to be made up of people who have been born of God. The one purpose for the existence of the church is to extend this Father-Son relationship to all the ends of the world.
2. The church is the family of God, her behavior in the world is the only means of demonstrating to the unbelieving world the purpose for which God sent His son.
3. The church is the salt of the earth, the light of the world, a city set on a hill, cannot be hid.
4. The church has the key to life situations. The church is the peace department of the world. "My peace I leave with you."
5. The church alone has what the world needs.

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## OUTLINE OF SERMON

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The world is looking to hear from God through the church. Christ is the answer, and the business of the church is to lift up Jesus.

6. The church has three things in its possession in making real the Sonship of God. First, it has Divine Authority to make people Christ-like. Second, it has the light of Christ that cannot be put out. And, third, the church has the love of Christ that cannot die.

Go, I will be with you always, I am a light unto the world, that whosoever believeth in me, shall not abide in darkness. As I have loved you, love ye one another.

7. When the sonship of God is fully grasped and manifested among men, then shall come to pass what the Apostle John had in mind. **WE ARE SONS OF GOD NOW.** This is by a unique and peculiar love. But, it is yet to be known what we shall be.

## TRI-COUNTY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE PLANS SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE YEAR

The Tri-County Ministerial Alliance, which is made up of pastors and ministers who serve in Bertie, Hertford and Northampton Counties, has completed plans for special programs in connection with their monthly meetings which are held at the New Ahoskie Baptist Church each Monday after the second Sunday at 10 o'clock A.M. The meetings open with devotionals conducted by two ministers. Following business, a panel or guest speaker is presented to discuss topics of interest to the ministers and concerning the church programs for the year.

The following subjects are scheduled on the Planned Program for 1967 with the name of the person responsible for the program following: January 9, The Church's Attitude Toward War — Rev. Charles M. Creecy; February 13, Church Financing — Rev. C. A. Hart; March 13, Church Organization (Baptist) — Rev. A. M. Williams; April 10, Relevant Preaching — Rev. H. L. Mitchell; May 15, Pastoral Counseling — Rev. C. C. Lawrence; June 12, Work Shop, Ministerial Preparation — Rev. B. W. Holloman; July 10, Ministerial Ethics — Rev. J. A. Davis; August 14, Evangelism in Local Churches — Rev. J. W. Law; September 11, The Training Program of The Church — Rev. John L. Scott; October 9, The True Meaning of Christian Mission — Dr. W. C. Sommerville or Appointee; November 13, Preparing The Church Budget — Dr. R. Irving Boone or Appointee; December 11, Christian Doctrine — Rev. J. P. Law.

At the close of the presentation by a guest speaker or panel, there is a discussion. The final fifteen minutes of the meeting is devoted to a meditation

by one of the ministers. The person in charge of the discussion selects the panel or guest speakers and plans with them so that the program subject will be given ample consideration and that ministers and others who attend will receive some concrete information on the planned subject for each month.

## THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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tist Convention has been a vital part of the miracles. However, we can become a greater part by giving the \$150,000 allocated to Shaw in our Convention's budget. We must continue to remind ourselves that all contributions to Shaw University for the fiscal year, 1967, must be given by June 30.

In previous years, we have had to ask for a special Shaw rally in order to get two-thirds of the money we pledge to Shaw. Friends, this must not happen again. After one hundred years there should be going on in the heart of every Missionary Baptist a rally for christian education and missions that does not begin July 1, nor end June 30.

Brothers and Sisters, if ever in the history of our Convention we are going to meet all of our obligations to all of our objectives, it should be this our Centennial Year.

Listen, friends, as you might know it takes a great deal of time, and money to foster a Centennial Program of the magnitude which is being perfected by our Convention. This means that there is a constant drain on our State Mission funds. Therefore, we must increase our contributions to State Missions; let's do it weekly, monthly, if not, the cause will suffer. We cannot do less for Foreign Missions and the Central Orphanage, for they are in great need of our increased financial efforts. Yes, the answer to all the financial needs of our Convention is our Unified Program. Let's make it work by working it!

It has been most gratifying to observe the very fine cooperation of all of the auxiliaries of the Convention as they work toward a common goal. I wish that I had space in this issue of the Informer to relate to you the spirit in which they are working, and the work that they are doing to make our Convention one strong, united body for Christ. This will be done in a later issue. It is astonishing, inspiring, informing, and encouraging just to behold the spirit, the unity, and the precision with which all of the Centennial Committees and the Convention Staff are working. Truly it is wonderful to behold.

May I first say thanks to almighty God, and then to every member of our great Convention and its staff for the cooperation you are giving me as your humble president.

Yours in Christ for a greater Convention,  
John W. White



**SOME IMPORTANT FACTS CONCERNING THE  
FOUNDING AND OPERATION OF THE  
CENTRAL ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA,  
LOCATED IN OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA**

**An Objective of General Baptists**

This institution had its beginning in August, 1882, when the Colored Orphanage Association was formed by members of the Shiloh and Wake Baptist Associations. The idea was presented by the Reverend Doctor Augustus Shepard, father of the late Doctor James E. Shepard.

This is the second oldest group care agency for children in North Carolina; and the history of the institution is carried each year in the "Annual Report."

In 1887 efforts were begun to try and keep pace with modern developments in the child-care field, when the institution was incorporated as a non-denominational institution. It is also the year in which the first full time superintendent was elected without any stated salary, in the person of the Reverend Robert L. Shepard, brother of the aforementioned Reverend Augustus Shepard.

Although no organization has ever actually owned the institution, nor accepted full responsibility for its support, the institution has progressed. This progress has been slow and never quite up to the best standards of the times. Reverend Shepard and his successor, Mr. H. P. Cheatham, bought all available adjoining land. Mr. Cheatham was able to replace all frame structures with permanent brick construction. In 1927 the orphanage was re-incorporated under the name "The Colored Orphanage of North Carolina". Since the institution had no owners or sponsors beyond its Board of Directors, and continued requesting larger grants-in-aid from the State of North Carolina, the act of re-incorporation authorized the Governor of the state to appoint five white citizens of Granville County to serve as members of the Board of Directors. These five persons, along with eight Negroes are a self-perpetuating governing body of this non-profit corporation. There are no owners other than this group.

The financing of the institution has depended largely upon the ability of the superintendents to organize and maintain friends.

The major financial support for the past seven years has been averaging as follows (per annum)

State of North Carolina .....	\$86,000.00
Duke Endowment .....	22,000.00
Negro Baptist Churches .....	8,000.00
Prince Hall Masonic bodies and Order of Eastern Star .....	11,000.00
Negro posts of American Legion .....	4,000.00
Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth .....	1,000.00
Individual contributions .....	7,000.00
Net profits from farm and dairy operations .....	1,500.00

We now have on a massive drive for funds for the purpose of constructing a gymnasium. However, the continuing increase in our cost of operations absorb a larger proportion of our income from contributions, and leaves very little money which can be used for expansion. Unless the State Legislature increases our grant-in-aid, we will soon reach the point where we cannot maintain the physical plant as it now stands. In the fiscal year 1964-1965 24% of our contributions were allocated to the use of current operations; in 1965-1966 44% of our contributions were used for this purpose.

This institution now consists of 350 acres of land with about 150 acres used for farming operations.

The Central Orphanage of North Carolina is a source of long term care available to all of the state's one hundred counties. We admit children only through welfare agencies or domestic relation courts, due to their abilities to provide the necessary casework services. Children are admitted between the ages of four and twelve, inclusive, and we require reports of physical and psychological examinations, and birth certificates before admission. We do not accept children who have already become delinquent problems.

During the past twenty years we have had fifteen students to complete a college education or its equivalent with our special assistance. We now have three students who are continuing their education, one at each of the following institutions: Shaw University, Livingstone College, and the Lincoln Hospital School of Nursing. We strive to motivate each child to remain in school to develop his or her capacity; and we will support those who prove themselves worthy and desire a higher education.

The Board of Directors consists of thirteen members. Seven of this number Baptists. Even though other denominations have been represented on the Board, and these persons greatly influenced the life of the institution, Baptist have always been more numerous than any other one religious group. Each of the six men who have headed the institution in a full time capacity has been Baptist.